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LETTER DATED 26 JULY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to bring to your attention the attached letter dated 24 July 1993, addressed to me by His Excellency Reverend Father Jean-Bertrand Aristide, President of the Republic of Haiti.

I should be grateful if you would draw this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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Annex

[Original: French]

Letter dated 24 July 1993 from the President of the Republic of Haiti addressed to the Secretary-General

I am transmitting herewith the proposals by the Government of the Republic of Haiti for United Nations assistance in creating a new police force and professionalizing the Haitian Armed Forces.

These proposals include the terms of reference that are to govern the operations of the different technical missions Haiti hopes to receive in the areas we have specified.

We would also stress the importance of development assistance, which should help us avoid any adverse consequences of armed forces reductions, and the urgent need for judicial reform, without which it will be impossible to establish a genuine atmosphere of peace in our country.

We hope, Sir, that our proposals will be favourably received and implemented as soon as possible.

(Signed) Jean-Bertrand ARISTIDE

Enclosure

[Original: French]

United Nations assistance in the creation of a new police force and professionalization of the Haitian Armed Forces

Police

International assistance in respect of the police shall be provided to Haiti immediately after the new Prime Minister takes office in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Governor's Island Agreement.

The main objectives shall be:

(a) Providing guidance and assistance with a view to enhancing the functioning of the existing security forces until the new Haitian police force is deemed capable of assuming its responsibilities. Particular attention will be paid to respect for human rights;

(b) Helping to create a new civilian police force.

The number of police officers to be recommended to the Security Council shall be determined by the Secretary-General of the United Nations together with the President of the Republic of Haiti. According to an initial estimate, some 500 to 600 United Nations officers will be required.

Professionalization of the Armed Forces

United Nations assistance in this area will take the form of engineers and instructors under the command of an officer appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and approved by the Security Council.

They will help the Haitian Armed Forces to attain the degree of professionalism required to discharge their constitutional obligations and, in particular, ensure the security and integrity of the Republic, help the nation in time of natural disaster and carry out development tasks pursuant to articles 264 and 266 of the Constitution.

At the outset, this component will comprise 50 to 60 instructors and approximately 500 engineers and construction experts.

The mission participants will serve under commanders appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and placed under his authority; they will respect the Haitian Constitution and Haitian sovereignty in the exercise of their functions.

They will wear their national uniform along with the United Nations beret and insignia, in keeping with established practice. They will serve under the United Nations flag and will be equipped with handguns intended for their personal protection, but they will not be authorized to use force to control violence.

The task of modernizing the Haitian Armed Forces and strengthening judicial institutions is to be carried out according to plans drawn up by the President, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Justice of the Government of national concord, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.